AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No house has been acquired by the Defence Estate Office, Calcutta, for housing civilian defence personnel. However, out of the houses taken on lease from private house owners for accommodating defence personnel, 53 houses have been allotted to civilian defence staff. These leases fall under two categories i.e. houses hired prior to March 1976 and those hired after March 1976. 34 houses were hired prior to March 1976 and 19 thereafter.

(b) and (c) Information is being obtained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sale of F-16C and D Aircraft by U.S.A.

2340. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Government have offered to sell F-16C and D aircrafts to India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the terms and conditions for selling the aircrafts; and

(c) what is the decision, if any, taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Basic facilities for Sainik Schools

2341. SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain State Governments are not providing minimum facilities like water and shelter for the students of Sainik Schools; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to make the States provide the basic facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Minimum facilties like water and shelter for the students exist in all the Sainik Schools. However, a few Sainik Schools have reported water scarcity during drought/summer for which the State Governments make special arrangements.

Money spent on Sainik School Students

2342. SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of money spent on the diet of a student in Sanik Schools per day;

(b) when it was fixed;

(c) whether Government propose to raise it;

(d) if so, when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The diet charge for the students of sainik Schools, as fixed by the Sainik Schools Society, is currently Rs. 10 per day per student.

(b) December, 1985.

(c) to (e) With effect from the first day of the 1992-93 academic session, the diet charge has been increased to Rs. 11.25 per student per day.